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Maple Syrup Production

Ohio maple syrup production was estimated at 115,000 gallons for the 2015 season, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Overall, conditions were mostly too cold for sap flow. Production was down 15,000 gallons in 2015, compared to 130,000 gallons in 2014. The season lasted 27 days, compared to 30 days in 2014, and 37 days in 2013.

Ohio ranked eighth nationally in maple syrup production in 2015, contributing about 2 percent of the total U.S. production. Total Ohio maple syrup taps were 440,000, and the syrup yield was 0.261 gallons per tap. In 2014, Ohio producers reported 38 percent of sales as retail, 16 percent wholesale, and 46 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2014 was \$42.80, up \$5.90 from 2013. This large jump in price correlates with a larger percentage of the syrup being sold retail. The 2014 value of production for Ohio was \$5.56 million, compared to \$5.72 million in 2013.

The 2015 United States maple syrup production totaled 3.41 million gallons, up 6 percent from the previous year. All states with the exception of Ohio, showed an increase in production from last year. The number of taps is estimated at 11.9 million, up 4 percent from the 2014 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.287 gallon, up 2 percent from the previous season's yield.

Cold temperatures contributed to a shorter season of sap flow than last year. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in Vermont. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 18 in New Hampshire. On average, the season lasted 26 days, compared with 29 days in 2014.

The 2014 United States average price per gallon was \$36.40, down \$1.00 from the 2013 price of \$37.40. Value of production, at \$117 million for 2014, was down 11 percent from the previous season.

Maple Syrup: Production, Price, and Value, 2013-2015 ¹

State	Production			Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Ohio	155	130	115	36.90	42.80	5,720	5,564
United States	3,523	3,211	3,414	37.40	36.40	131,766	117,003

¹ The 2015 price and value will be published in "Crop Production" June 2016.

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